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WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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WATER LOGGING
RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total hectares of land affected due to water logging in Bihar;

(b) the number of proposals to drain out the water logging in serveral parts of the State received by the Union Governmentduring the last three years; and

(c) the number out of them approved and implemented during the period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES

(SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) According to information received from the State Government of Bihar, about 9.41 lakh hectare of land is affected due to waterlogging in Bihar State.

(b) & (c) During the last three years (1997-98 to 1999-2000), five drainage schemes were received in Ganga Flood Control Commission (GFCC), Ministry of Water Resources. These schemes were examined in GFCC and comments with suggestions were sent to the State Government of Bihar forcompliance. In addition, three proposals pertaining to Gandak and Kosi projects were received in the Ministry during the last three years for reclamation of waterlogged areas in the irrigation projects covered under the Centrally Sponsored Command Area Development (CAD) Programme. Out of these, two proposals comprising total 39 chour drainage schemes in Gandak Irrigation Command, with total area of 8313.6hectare and estimated cost of Rs.102.38 lakh have been administratively approved by the Ministry for execution by the State Government. These schemes are at various stages of implementation. The third proposal consisting of 33 Chour Drainage Schemes in Kosi Irrigation Command were examined in the Ministry and comments with suggestions for improvement thereon were sent to the State Government for compliance.